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Canyon Country Man Charged with Fatally Shooting His Dog

A 57-year-old Canyon Country man has been charged with shooting his German Shepherd to death last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Bradley Lieberman said Christopher Ray Nard (dob 7/10/62) faces one felony count each of cruelty to an animal with a personal use of a gun allegation and discharge of firearm with gross negligence.

The defendant pleaded not guilty today and is scheduled to return on Sept. 23 in Department H of Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch. Case PA093212 was filed on Aug. 6.

Nard allegedly shot 9-year-old Shiloh with a rifle on July 9, the prosecutor said.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 13 years in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.